

REMARKS

This is in response to the Final Rejection of February 9, 2005.

Reconsideration of the features attributed to the primary reference is respectfully requested.

Upon a review of the rejection of claims 1-5, 6, 8, 9 and 11-13 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by the Ream Patent No. 2,767,543, the Applicant believes that the construction and operation of the Ream patent had not been fully communicated to the Examiner. It is requested that a review of the reference and reconsideration be given.

The Examiner stated that Ream disclosed a knife section "for a reciprocating sickle bar for a harvester" with the knife section "40" being flat, and having a top surface plane.

However, it is respectfully submitted that these features from the claims under consideration are not found in the Ream patent. Ream does not show, disclose or utilize a reciprocating sickle bar of any kind. The Ream patent has rotating cutting discs 80, which are inclined at an angle to a rotational axis. The discs are rotated against a rounded stationary ledger plate 40 that clearly is shown as non-planar in Figures 4 and 5 of Ream. Also, the ledge plates 40 are not reciprocating, in that the bolts 54 in Figure 5 and also in Figure 3 are used for securing the ledger plate 40 to the stationary sickle guard.

Further, because the ledger plate 40 is curved around an axis illustrated in Figure 5, the showing in Figure 4 makes it appear that it has a slightly concave cutting edge. However, it is respectfully believed that the edge is a straight line when in flat lay out.

Thus, it is respectfully submitted that Ream fails as a primary reference. It clearly does not anticipate or contain all of the limitations of the claims, and further, it does not form a basis for being the primary reference in regard to the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103 of claims 7 and 10.

Again, the present invention is a planer reciprocating sickle section. It moves back and forth relative to a stationary sickle guard, and the concave edges that are defined in the claims are designed to increase the cutting capacity of a reciprocating sickle section.

The Applicant is attaching a copy of an advertising brochure (2 pages) for the KINGKUT cutting system that features the concave edges of the sickle section as claimed in this application, the brochure illustrates the increase in the total feed area that is achieved using this concave edge section, which does not have any receding lines or any "hooks" or other types of irregularities in the generally contoured, concave edge.

The graphical illustrations in the brochure are illustrative of the advantages in the crop feeding capabilities of the present invention.

Additionally, the Applicant is attaching a sheet with one of the actual sickle sections of the present invention attached as Exhibit A for a review by the Examiner.

Favorable action on these claims is respectfully requested, in that it is respectfully submitted that the features attributed to the Ream patent are not present in the Ream patent, and that therefore, reconsideration is appropriate, and also, allowance is appropriate.

The Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1123.

Respectfully submitted,

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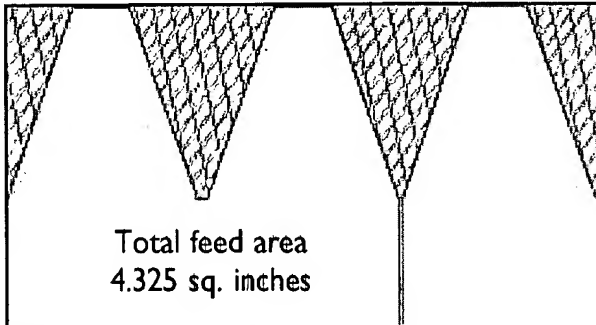
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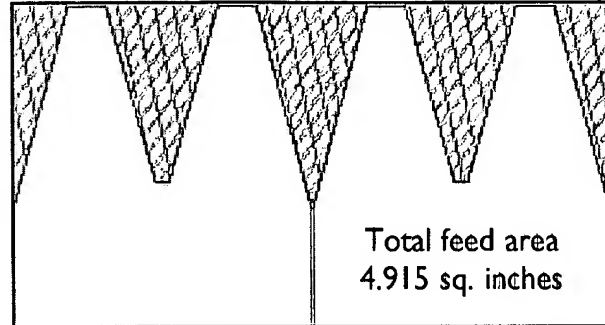
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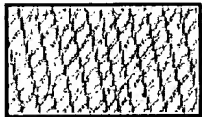
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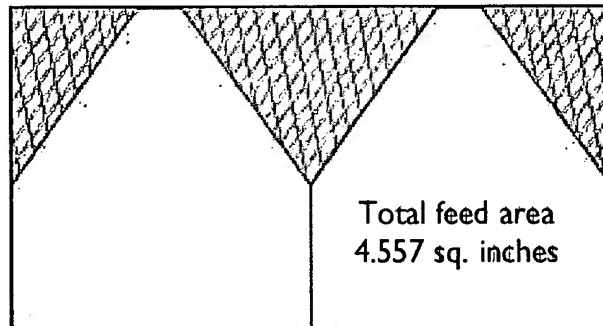
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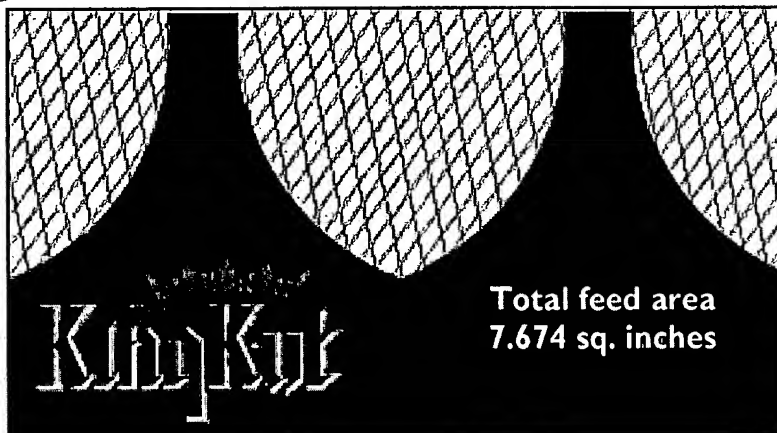


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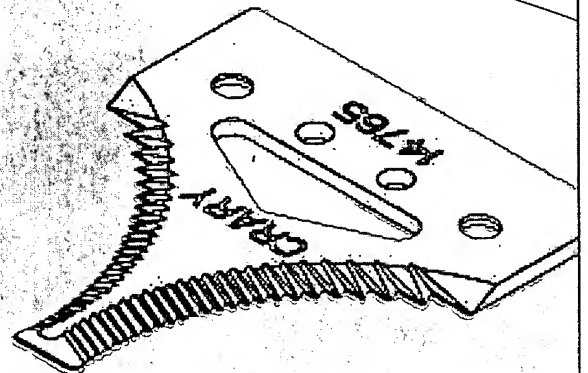


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All illustrations
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cutter bar length



3" KingKut Spacing



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